Objections to Deodhar Committee's Report

965. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry have objected to high powered Deodhar Committee's report for privatisation of metro channels ;

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations of the committee on which his Ministry has objections ;

(c) whether Deodhar Committee's report has been examined by Government ; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not implementing the report into ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) The Air Time Committee of India has not submitted any report to the Government.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Extra publicity to companies sponsoring sports tournaments

966. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to review its policy on coverage of programmes sponsored by Companies and Doordarshan will give extra publicity to companies sponsoring sports tournaments; and

(b) if so, by when the proposal is likely to be implemented.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Preparation of Original Script of News Bulletins in Hindi

967. SHRI T. A. MOHAMMED SAQHY :

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to prepare original script of News Bulletins for AIR/Doordarshan in Hindi and later translate them into English and other regional languages; and

(b) if so, details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in Entertainment Time on Metro Channel

968. SHRI P. UPENDRA :

SHRI SURESH KALMADI :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Doordarshan has decided to increase the entertainment time on the Metro Channel;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the response from private producers for using the Metro Channel ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) In addition to the metro hour (8 p.m. to 9 p.m.) introduced from 26th January, 1993, another time chunk (9 p.m. to 10 p.m.) for en-